

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
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PAST WEEK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Enforcement of CA Truck and Bus Rule: A Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) with Knight Transportation, Inc. (Knight) requires that Knight pay a \$72,000 civil penalty for its failure to verify that the dozens of companies it hired to operate trucks in CA were complying with the State's air quality rule for heavy-duty trucks. We estimate that over 750,000 miles were driven in California by trucks hired illegally by Knight. (Dancher x2-3482)

Resolution of Clean Water Act Violations by Matson, Inc.: The U.S. District Court for Hawaii entered a Stipulation of Settlement to resolve Matson Inc.'s violations of the CWA. Matson operated a leaking molasses pipeline at Honolulu Harbor that led to a catastrophic failure in September 2013 that killed over 25,000 fish and harmed coral reef. In a separate agreement with the State of Hawaii, Matson agreed to cease shipping molasses from Oahu and, through this settlement with EPA, will pay a penalty of \$725,000. (Magnan x7-4179 or Blake x2-3496).

Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Training Opportunity for Region 9 Employees: We have announced the 2017 opportunity for R9 staff and managers to apply to become certified as LSS green belts. As a part of the green belt certification process, each candidate will lead or facilitate an improvement team for a closely-scoped project.

Greenville Rancheria Tribe Enforcement (b) (7) (A)

SS (b) (5)

NPDES Permits Issued for Three Pacific Island WWTPs: We reissued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits for Sadog Tasi, Agangan and Apra Harbor Wastewater Treatment Plants. Sadog Tasi and Agangan are the two largest WWTPs on CNMI, while Apra Harbor services the U.S. Naval Base in Guam. The new permits incorporate updated e-reporting and toxicity testing requirements and newly approved receiving water mixing zones. (Kozelka x2-3448; Marincola x2-3520)

Rosarito Desalination: Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Eberhardt x2-3420; Montgomery x2-3438)

GAO Request for Regional Drinking Water Program and File Reviews: As part of its ongoing engagement on EPA's oversight of lead in drinking water, the Government Accountability Office is seeking copies of the most recent program reviews for the 8 most populous states. We transmitted the CA program review completed in February 2017 and the City of Fresno Lead and Copper File review completed in January 2017.

Hawaii Pesticide Workshops: We coordinated with the Office of Pesticide Programs to secure funding for the Migrant Clinician's Network to provide training on recognition and management of pesticide illness in Hawaii. The workshops, which were free to participating health care providers, took place on Kauai and Oahu, and were co-sponsored by the Hawaii Department of Health, the Hawaii Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, and Hawaii Emergency Physicians Associated. (Grisier x7-4213)

Bay Area Emissions Banking:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

3534)

(Yannayon x2-

Arizona State Implementation Plan (SIP)

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Lee x2-3958)

Leviathan Mine Site: The Regional Water Quality Control Board began treating stored water contained in on-site ponds with a portable lime treatment system. Water levels in the on-site holding ponds have reached capacity with less than one half foot of freeboard remaining. To prevent the discharge of untreated pond water from the ponds to Leviathan Creek, the Water Board will be treating water until the threat of untreated discharge has passed. Deschambault x7-4183)

Anaconda Mine:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Ball x2-3047)

UPCOMING HOT ISSUES AND IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Tijuana River Spill:

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Eberhardt x2-3420; Montgomery x2-3438).

Fresno Water System: The City of Fresno announced that EPA finds the City to be in compliance with the federal and state lead and copper rule. We had conducted a review of the City's compliance with the rule in response to discoloration and elevated levels of lead drinking water in non-regulatory tap samples of homes in Northeast Fresno. Our findings indicated that there were monitoring inconsistencies under various provisions of the rule that will need to be addressed by the City. (Li x2-3560)

Lake Tahoe Restoration: Federal Partners and the Tahoe Interagency Executive Steering Committee will finalize a list of priority Environmental Improvement Program projects to submit to Congress by March 15th pursuant to the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) of 2016, which authorizes \$415 million over seven years. (Ziegler x2-3399; Landy, 775-589-5248)

UPCOMING MAJOR PUBLIC EVENTS

AMCO Superfund Site Community Event on March 18, 2017 in West Oakland, CA: We will join the AMCO Community Advisory Group in a ribbon-cutting ceremony initiating groundwater cleanup at the site.